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November, 2008

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Catherine Kuhlman: Executive Officer  
5550 Skylane Blvd. Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dear Ms. Kuhlman and Board Members:

I am a supporter of Russian River Watershed Protection Committee (RRWPC) and an advocate of strong Russian River water quality policies. I urge you to share this letter with your Board Members and staff. I also request that you add my name and address to your list of concerned citizens so that I might receive notices of future meetings and availability of documents on proposed Basin Plan Amendments concerning "incidental runoff", as well as the recently released Storm Water Permit that promotes irrigation with wastewater and allows "incidental runoff".

For the following reasons, I am very concerned about this proposed permit in regards to "non-storm water discharges" and would like to request that you address the following:

- In summer, creeks are low and slow and cannot assimilate wastewater discharges. Because this is the time of greatest recreational use and greatest vulnerability to toxins, no runoff of any kind should be allowed. The summer discharge prohibition has been in effect since the late 1970's and should continue indefinitely.
- Many people use pesticides on their lawns, which have estrogenic properties and can cause neurological, developmental, reproductive, and cancer causing health problems for humans, pets, and wildlife. Irrigation with wastewater that contains many unregulated toxins should not be allowed at all on sites where chemicals are used or bio-solids applied. There should also be required set backs from streams.
- The Laguna is listed as impaired for nitrogen, phosphorus, dissolved oxygen, temperature, and sediment. Runoff may cause nutrient rich waters to enter the Laguna and further impair its water quality. This in turn can exacerbate Ludwigia growth, the exotic plant causing havoc in the Laguna area.
- The cumulative impacts of numerous runoff events can be devastating to the Laguna waterways and downstream beneficial recreation use. Please address these issues.

Sincerely,

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